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Vision Splendid

MEAT LOAF and scalloped potatoes were browning in the oven. The table was set for supper. There was nothing more to do until my husband came home.

"Let's go out front and wait for daddy," I suggested to Pauli, our five-year-old daughter.

HAND IN HAND we walked down the driveway, then turned and walked past two neighboring houses. Pauli chattered merrily as we went. Her kitty was asleep on the steps. Her friend Joanie wasn't home today . . .

It was just as we turned back toward the house that we saw the sunburst in the sky. Pauli gripped my hand in wonderment. We stood still to watch it. The streaking golds and pinks, the scarlets and purples seemed to transfigure the puffy clouds. An unearthly radiance shone from behind housetops and trees. The sun showered the atmosphere with a warm glow that stimulated o inner being.

The penetrating beauty reached into m and spirit. I stood speechless. Not so child. Without taking her eyes away fr the splendor before us or her hand fr squeezing mine, she spoke.

"I could just jump up and say, 'He God!' and 'Thank you.'" Her voice exuberant.

I FELT like crying out with joy. I loo at my little daughter in fond amazem Her sensitive response to this moment beauty seemed to me equal to the glori heaven itself.

The splendor subsided, leaving me a d ble revelation—a glimpse of God's beaut world and of God in the soul of a child too said reverently, "Thank you, my Go

—RACHEL CONRAD WAHLBERG

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THIS WEEK . . .

● RACE PROBLEMS have a way of popping up like a prodding conscience when churchmen gather. For the account of recent events in Kentucky, Indiana, Arkansas and Washington, see pages 4 and 5.

● DOWNTOWN CHURCH (or maybe a church anywhere) doesn't have to lose touch with its people if it succeeds with the plan put in effect by the Church of the Holy Trinity in Buffalo. Page 11.

● BOXING is a vicious "sport" that should be outlawed, says a New York pastor. Prizefighting maims and corrupts, he says in an article you will find on page 15.

● JESUS whittled a doll out of a stray scrap of wood for a tearful child, according to the story Elizabeth Kelly tells on page 18.

● SEE PICTURES of 49 men and women who will receive doctor's degrees at ULC colleges this month. The whole gallery is exhibited on pages 31-33.

● MOST SYNODS of the United Lutheran Church meet during May. This week we carry reports from four of them — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Nova Scotia. Pages 31-34.

THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Interracial talks urged

Conferences between white and Negro church leaders in the South were urged upon the Southern Baptist Convention by Brooks Hays of Arkansas, retiring president of the big church body.

Calling race relations "the nation's No. 1 problem," Mr. Hays said that almost all Christian mission work overseas has been retarded because American society permits racial disharmonies to continue. Talks between church leaders might be "a practical step" toward solving the South's problem, he said.

The convention was asked to approve a meeting between its leaders and those of the two big Negro Baptist groups, the National Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. The Southern Baptists list more than 9 million white members. The two Negro groups have 10 million members.

The 15,000 messengers at the convention, held in Louisville, applauded Mr. Hays when he called for "liberal statements on race relations." Mr. Hays, a former Arkansas Congressman, was beaten by a segregationist write-in vote in last November's election. He is now a director of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Presbyterians walk out

Sixty delegates to the general assem of the United Presbyterian Church mo out of a private club in Indianap when a Negro church leader was refu a room. The Presbyterian group invol a rule against racial discrimination hotels or restaurants in its convention when Dr. Jesse Barber, the denomi tion's assistant evangelism secretary, told that his confirmed reservation at Columbia Club could not be "honore

Room assignments in the city's ho and clubs were furnished to convent committees by a local convention bure church officials said. They said it the first time drastic action had b taken to assure compliance with official anti-discrimination stand of church.

Little Rock pastors protest purge

Members of the school board in Li Rock, Arkansas, last month were car ing forward the fight against school tegration which gained their commun worldwide attention last year. After deadlocked meeting at which teac contracts were under discussion, "m erate" members of the board withdr The others, all reported to be associa of Gov. Orval Faubus, then ousted schoolteachers and principals who w said to have "integrationist leanings."

A group of citizens responded by for ing a "Committee to Stop This Out geous Purge" (STOP) to work for recall of the school board members. speedily got 9,603 signatures on rec petitions.

Last month the Greater Little R Ministerial Association voted 42-1 to s port the committee's efforts to oust racist school board members. An as ciation statement accused the members showing "utter irresponsibility tow

serving our public schools; callous dis-
ard toward the persons dismissed; an
ort to intimidate all of our teachers
o disagree with their point of view;
l an alarming carelessness toward our
ool age children."

ıon asks bias fight

Religious leaders in America should "their tremendous power for good" lead a fight on racial discrimination in ployment practices, Vice President :hard M. Nixon told a group in Wash-ton. Addressing a national conference more than 400 clergy and laymen of faiths called by the President's Com-ttee on Government Contracts of ich he is chairman, Mr. Nixon said t "discrimination and prejudice are ically moral problems." He urged the urchmen to help people "see that the /s against discrimination have moral, well as legal backing."

Speaking to the conference, Dr. Mar- Luther King, Negro leader from Ala-na, called job discrimination "almost rderous." He said the churches "have dly begun to speak" in the "economic a of race relations."

Earlier, Mr. Nixon had told the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church to use their influence to discourage extremism "on both sides" of racial issues. In an address devoted chiefly to foreign policy, the Vice President urged the churchmen to aid American prestige abroad by helping find peaceful solutions in racial disputes.

Accused of stirring strife

Mr. Nixon's plea for eliminating race discrimination in jobs "astounded" Senator Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina. Charging that the Vice President was trying to get religious leaders to "galvanize Negro clergy of the South into action on civil rights issues," the senator accused him of "mobilizing" religious leaders.

Such action is barred by the U.S. Constitution, which "contemplates the church keeping its hands off the state and the state keeping its hands off the church," the senator declared. Churchmen "as religious leaders ought not to be trying to pass laws," he continued. They should avoid "an organized campaign through their pulpits which violates the essentials of church-state separation."

CHURCH LEADERS WITH VICE PRESIDENT AT ANTI-BIAS PARLEY

rs. T. O. Wedel, the Rev. J. Oscar Lee, the Rev. Dudley Ward and Dr. Frederick E. issig with Mr. Nixon who addressed the conference of church leaders last month

Pope picks council planners

A 12-man committee has been set up by Pope John XXIII to make plans for the forthcoming ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church. The council had been proposed by the Pope last January as an effort toward reunion of "separated communities" of Christians. Attending would be Roman Catholic bishops and prelates from all parts of the world. Last similar council was held in 1870. It approved the doctrine of the Pope's infallibility in moral and religious statements.

Presiding over the committee will be Cardinal Domenico Tardini, Vatican secretary of state. Other members, all high officials in the church, include eight Italians, one Lebanese, one Spaniard and one Frenchman.

The committee is under instructions to make contact with Roman Catholic bishops throughout the world for advice and suggestions about the proposed council. It will also draw up a tentative agenda for the council, which will probably be held in 1962.

Secret talks rumored

Early speculation about the papal council had centered around the possibility that non-Roman Christians might be invited to participate. Clarifying statements from Vatican sources had since modified this idea. Protestants would not be welcome and only the council itself could make approaches to the Eastern Orthodox churches, spokesmen indicated.

The Rev. C. J. Dumont, French Roman Catholic writer, in several recent publications pointed out that in the eyes of Rome there is a difference between "Eastern" and "Protestant" Christians. The Eastern churches, which broke from Rome in the 11th century, were wooed by the Council of Lyon in 1274 and the Council of Florence in 1439, he poin out. New efforts might be made to store unity with them. Father Dum added that the World Council Churches, representative of Protest ism, might be seen by the Vatican co cil as an institution with which the man Catholic Church could collabor especially in matters of maintaining pe or in social and moral problems.

European sources said secret talks w going on between Vatican representat and those of the Eastern Ortho churches, including the Russian Ortho Church. In March, Greek Ortho Archbishop Iakovos called on the P for an undisclosed reason. It was the time in more than 350 years that a Gr Orthodox bishop or archbishop had a call at the Vatican.

Reds split church, Pope says

Relations between the Roman Cath Church and the Communist governme of Hungary and China were stea worsening, the Pope said at Pente vespers in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. both countries determined efforts w being made to create schisms in the ra of Roman Catholics, he declared.

Chinese "patriotic Catholics" seated new bishops in defiance of Holy See, the pontiff explained, and w trying to place the Chinese faithful " der the authority of shepherds of wh we do not approve."

In Hungary, government interfere in the church affairs had reached a r high, the Pope said. "Some bishops h lost their freedom, others can no lon govern their dioceses," he continu "This situation meanwhile becomes pretext for other illegal interference, cluding appointing ecclesiastics who h not been approved by the Holy See."

Vatican sources said the Pope refer

AN FRANCIS SAYRE (right) ed extension of minimum ge laws to protect migrant m workers at Washington iring. The Episcopal leader ke for National Council of urches at Labor Committee sion chaired by Sen. John nedy, Massachusetts (left).

reports from Hungary that some priests o had given in to Red pressure had en virtual control of dioceses. Al-ugh the Communist-line organization "Peace Priests" had been dissolved, mbers of the group had formed a new dy known as *Opus Pacis* (Work of ace). Members of this group were d to have been placed in posts as des" to the Roman Catholic bishops d to have taken over some of their nctions.

ewsmen divided on presidency

Religion reporters for 25 daily news-pers and one wire service in the U.S. re evenly divided in their answers to e question, "Do you think a Roman tholic could be elected President of e U.S. in 1960?" The poll was taken the Louisville *Courier-Journal* at the nual meeting of the Religious News-iters Association at Louisville last nth. Thirteen said "Yes" and an equal mber answered in the negative.

The question was prompted by the ssible candidacy of Sen. John F. Ken-dy of Massachusetts on the Democratic ket.

In reply to another query, 13 said they ought the "religious revival" in the U.S. was as strong as ever. Nine said it was leveling off and four said it was waning.

Annual award for outstanding coverage of religious news in the secular press went to George Dugan, religion editor of the New York *Times*.

Catholics show big gain

Roman Catholic Church membership in the U.S. has increased 47.8 per cent since 1949, according to figures released by the *Official Catholic Directory*. There are now 39,505,475 Roman Catholics in the 50 U.S. states, an increase of 3,481,-498 during the past year. The increase includes 2,000,000 reported for the first time by the Military Ordinariate as the number of Roman Catholics in the armed forces under the jurisdiction of Cardinal Francis Spellman, military vicar for the church.

The number of adult baptisms, including converts to Catholicism from other religions, totaled 140,411 during 1958. No figure was given on the number lost to the Roman Catholic Church through conversion or other means.

Serving the church are 52,689 ordained priests and 164,922 nuns. Number of parishes with resident pastors is 16,185.

Reported in the directory was a new

high of 13,619 educational institutions. Included were 2,428 high schools and 10,287 elementary schools. Enrollment in these institutions gained 189,951 over the preceding year. High schools listed 810,768 students and elementary schools 4,083,860.

Quiet Sunday in Spartanburg

South Carolina's Sunday-observance laws, like those of many other states, bar all forms of commercial activity except in cases of "public necessity or convenience." All commercial amusements are outlawed.

In Spartanburg, theater operators tested the enforcement of the law by trying to show movies on Sunday. As soon as the first ticket was sold, they were arrested. A drive-in movie then offered a free show on Sunday, but this too brought prompt arrest.

The movie operator then took out a warrant against local radio station WTHE, which operated unmolested on Sundays. The station's owner, John K. L. Peterson, posted bond but claimed that operation of the station was a "necessity" for national defense. No attempt was made by law enforcement officers to close the station.

Pennsylvania stiffens law

Gov. David L. Lawrence said his Pennsylvania administration would "stop further desecration of the Sabbath" by prohibiting supermarket and discount house retailing on Sunday. He added, however, that he favored liberalization of existing laws restricting hours for Sunday baseball and other sports.

The state senate responded by increasing the penalty for non-essential retail selling on Sundays from $4 to $100 for the first offense, with a $200 fine and a 30-day jail term for second offenders.

Sen. Fred B. Rooney said the legislat was "the only effective way to prev Sunday from becoming bargain da Church and civic organizations bac the measure, but the Civil Liberties Un called it "discrimination against th whose Sabbath occurs on other days t Sunday." The Massachusetts Supre Court ruled that kosher markets may s open on Sunday. To force them to cl denied Jewish merchants "equal pro tion under law," the court held.

In New Jersey, the Superior Co threw out a recently adopted law b ning Sunday sales of merchandise beca it exempted three counties in the sh resort area. The state assembly imm diately passed a substitute measure apply to the entire state, but provid for county referendums. The new bans sales of home and office furni ings, appliances, clothing and build materials. Sales of food, drugs and ot necessities are permitted.

In Ohio, stores in Toledo agreed close on Sunday, but those in Day threatened to open again after a thr year voluntary closing. The Ohio legi ture was not expected to take action a repeal of the Sunday closing law, wh had not been effectively enforced many years. Church groups strongly posed their repeal.

Archbishop to come here

Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren, prim of the Lutheran Church of Sweden, accepted an invitation to participate the 100th anniversary celebration of Augustana Lutheran Church at Ro Island, Illinois, next June.

The church weekly *Svensk Kyrko ning* said the archbishop regarded Augustana jubilee sufficiently import for relations between the two churches require the Swedish Church to be rep

INSTITUTION WRITERS for urch to be formed by merger Augustana, American Evan- ical, Suomi and United Lu- rans pictured during Chi- go meeting last month. nt: Drs. F. C. Fry (ULC) d P. O. Bersell (Aug.). Rear: dge James F. Henninger LC), Dr. Alfred Jensen ELC) and Dr. Bernard Hillila nnish Evangelical)

ted by its head. The Augustana urch was founded by Swedish immi- nts who settled midwestern America the middle of the 19th century.

The Augustana Church will hold its an- al convention in connection with the ebration next June. Its 99th conven- n is being held June 15-21 of this year Hartford, Connecticut. With Dr. Oscar nson retiring from the presidency be- se of the constitutional age limitation, new president will be chosen.

. Fry to visit Iceland

As president of the Lutheran World deration, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry will present the world's Lutherans at the nsecration of Bishop-elect Sigurbjoern narsson as head of the Lutheran urch of Iceland in Reykjavik on June . Dr. Fry also heads the United Lu- ran Church and is chairman of the ntral Committee of the World Council Churches. The trip to Iceland will be first engagement outside the con- ental U.S. since his hospitalization earlier this year. Later in the summer he will attend meetings in Europe.

Dr. Einarsson succeeds Bishop Asmundur Gudmundsson, who has reached the compulsory retirement age of 70. Iceland's Lutheran Church includes about 150,000 members and represents well over 90 per cent of the island's population.

Texas gets hospital

A gift of $7 million has been made by a Houston couple to the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod for construction of a Lutheran hospital, church officials announced. The donation will provide funds for a 250-bed hospital to be built on a five-acre site adjoining the Texas Medical Center in Houston. It will be the first Lutheran hospital in the state.

The gift was believed to be the largest single donation ever made to the Missouri Synod, church officials said. They said the couple, who are affiliated with a congregation of the Missouri Synod, wished to remain anonymous.

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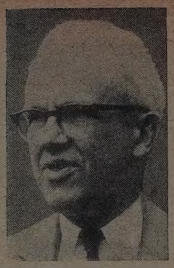

By ROBERT VAN DEUSEN

GENEVA CONFERENCE

THE FIRST WEEK of the foreign ministers conference at Geneva went about as expected. Both sides presented major proposals, and a few days later each declared the other's proposal unacceptable.

The West gave way on the apparently unimportant square table vs. round table controversy, only to learn that this paved the way for a demand that representatives of East and West Germany be admitted as full participants. A compromise solution permitted the Germans to sit as observers in the same room with the Big Four, and to speak on specific issues unless there was objection from the others.

Western plan

THE WEST presented a package "Peace Plan" which included the Berlin crisis in a comprehensive East-West settlement. It would proceed in four stages, starting with free elections in all of Berlin, disarmament and anti-surprise-attack agreements, and an East-West nonaggression pact. This would be a testing period of the good faith of both sides.

When real progress had been made, the second stage would begin by the formation of a "mixed committee" of 25 West Germans and 10 East Germans. The committee's job would be to draft a law for free elections in all of Germany, with decisions made by a three-quarter majority, thus giving each side a practical veto.

If the committee failed to reach ag ment within a year, each side would mit an election plan to the voters in an German plebiscite. To be effectiv draft would need to get a majority in both East and West Germany.

The third stage would be actual e tions in all of Germany, not more t two and a half years after the orig agreement. The election would be members of an all-German assembly der an electoral law approved by the Four and by the all-German plebis The assembly would draft an all-Ger constitution providing for "a libe democratic, and federative system."

The final stage would be the signin a peace treaty with a reunited Germ

NO ONE expected that the Russ would accept the western plan. The q tion was whether they would rejec completely, or consider some of its posals open to negotiation. They did latter, possibly in order to pave the for a summit conference. While branc the plan as "totally unrealistic and acceptable," Soviet Foreign Mini Gromyko left the way open for fur discussion of a four-power peace p disarmament agreements, and the es lishment of a limited-armament zon Europe. He urged that the confere focus on the two-part Soviet proposal settling the Berlin crisis and conclu a peace treaty with Germany.

On Sunday following the first wee State Department official said that West might be willing to go along or interim Berlin settlement, even though other aims could not be achieved. W this admission was considered premat it might result in the conference get down to brass tacks on this limited jective, leaving the long-range decisi to a summit conference later this y

Twentieth-century congregation found that some of its problems could find solutions in methods applied successfully by first-century Christians

We didn't run from our problems

By BETTY McCANN

WE HAD A PROBLEM and we found the solution in the New Testament, says Dr. Ralph W. Loew, pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Buffalo, N. Y. The problem is one familiar to most urban churches in America—population shifts.

As in so many other cases, Holy Trinity Church discovered that a new approach was needed to make its witness felt in a rapidly changing society. The basic witness of the Good News is the same. The conditions under which it has to be proclaimed are new.

Nostalgic clinging to the past would defeat the purposes of the church, the people of Holy Trinity realized. Methods used in the early part of the century to keep the congregational family together and reach out to the unchurched would no longer apply. And to accept the decline of the city church would mean to accept defeat.

BUFFALO is located along a rapidly expanding "frontier" reaching out toward Erie and Cleveland on one side, toward Rochester on the other. Long ago, churches were built in the midst of tightly knit racial, economic or national population groups.

Chancel Window at Holy Trinity,

These concentrations have disappeared, but the buildings, the investments remain. For a church like Holy Trinity, located in the midst of a metropolitan area, it is no longer a question of reaching men and women on the basis of an outmoded concept of "neighborhood." That pattern has been destroyed.

To move away for a congregation with a confirmed membership of 2,000 would have been economically impossible and morally indefensible. But if Holy Trinity was to stay at its old location and fulfill its purpose, it had to find new ways of doing it.

Various methods were tried. The "zone system" failed because some zones had a great many leaders and others had none. A "telephone system" got recognition as a noble experiment but faded into oblivion. The "shepherding system," successful in some places, bogged down.

The answer was finally found in the tenth chapter of St. Luke. Men and women should be sent out because of what they are and what they represent, not because they happen to live in a given neighborhood. Just as the Seventy of the New Testament, they would go out to witness everywhere, reach different neighborhoods, wherever "the harvest is great."

A group of laymen was established as a "board of deacons." Composed of 75 members, its duties include stewardship, evangelism and public relations.

"Establishment of this group was our way of meeting the challenge faced by nearly all metropolitan churches throughout the country," Dr. Loew says.

Deacons executive committee (Agnes Wesselman, Dor Grauer, Mr. Albert Hiel and President Edward Hoffm assigns names of prospects to members of organiza

"We felt the need not only to re the meaning, centrality, purpose and nificance of our city church but to ass those families who had moved bey the city limits that we wanted them continue worshiping in their church."

MEMBERS of the board were ele for three-year terms, installed into of and formed into a policy-making bod the congregation.

They were charged with such dutie recommended by the church cou They further keep in touch with from to 20 families of the congregation. T call upon them and invite them to t homes, constantly showing the Chris concern which is in their spirit.

The board developed a blood bank further evidence of the congregati

Heffner, one of ten group captains, hands Lenten rams to Edna Theobald and Margaret Giesecke in front nap of Buffalo indicating zones assigned to deacons

cern. Acts of personal courtesy such ringing a crippled lady to church and channeling of personal information he pastor are part of the job.

TEWARDSHIP responsibilities include sector plan and every-member visita- . Evangelism work includes partici- on in all phases of customary evan- sm programs. The public relations ussions have led to a review of the lications of the congregation as its ness to the community.

he president of the board of deacons n ex-officio member of the church ncil. The chairmen of the council mittees take part in board meetings n matters of concern to their com- ees are involved. Originally the board three times a year but now more frequent meetings are necessary.

A new executive committee has been formed making available men and women who confer with the deacons and increase the board's efficiency.

The new committee has taken a further step by creating "group captains" within the board of deacons. Captains report directly to members of the executive committee, thus facilitating communication of important matters to the proper church officials.

One example given by Deacon President Edward J. Hoffman was the case of a death in the congregation. No one was aware of the situation and the family involved was hurt because few of the church members shared their sorrow.

"This is unlikely to happen again," Mr. Hoffman said. "Under our new system, group captains report immediately to the committee when an illness or death is made known."

Another new feature is the coffee get-together following the Sunday service. Each deacon takes a turn in serving as host to his "family group."

"This helps greatly in strengthening personal relations," Miss Dorothy W. Grauer, vice president of the deacons, explains. "And we try to maintain this relationship on a year-round basis."

Other actions of the board include working out transportation problems to bring children and elderly persons to Sunday school and church; holding special training sessions for those assisting with stewardship and visitation; and keeping

the congregation informed of the church's plans and activities through a monthly church paper.

The latter is a special concern of the public relations committee which also tries to find ways to make the church more attractive by such means as planting flowers around the building.

Another function of the group is to cope with the problem of rapid neighborhood changes. There are more than 60 changes of address that have to be made monthly.

Average attendance at a board of deacon's meeting is 45 out of the full 75 membership strength. Thirty-six of the original members are still on the board.

Dr. Ralph W. Loew has been pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Buffalo since 1944. A native of Columbus, Ohio, he graduated from Capitol University and Hamma Divinity School, served Trinity Church, Millersburg, Ohio, and Reformation Church, Washington, D. C. (an associate pastor with Dr. Oscar Blackwelder), before coming to Buffalo. He was 1955 Knubel-Miller lecturer. His topic: "After confirmation—what?"

although a certain turnover is unavo able. Approximately 10 per cent of congregation has now served on the bo and there is a waiting list for new m bers.

The executive committee feels that board of deacons has stimulated fell ship among the congregation as a wh

Said one member: "When we first gan there was a suspicion that each we made was for solicitation purpo Now people know our true purpose if we receive any complaint, it's m likely to be 'Why hasn't a deacon ca upon me?' "

Dr. Loew reports that at the end three years of operation the board has efficiency rating of 87 per cent.

"We know that there are still sc weaknesses in our plan," Dr. Loew s "but it is important to remember t these deacons, scattered over a w spread area, are finding a sense of Ch tian witness and urgency.

"Best of all, at their regular meeti and as a part of their work in the chur they are echoing the word of the N Testament: 'And the seventy retur "Lord, even the demons are subject t in your name." ' The demons look ferent now, and these burgeoning ci have strange and frightening demo developments but they also have exci possibilities."

What is significant, Dr. Loew cludes, is that there are groups of d cated men and women fighting signifi social and economic problems pec to an urban society with a sense of s itual dedication, and are returning their accustomed places of worship joy. They aren't running from their p lems, they don't admit defeat, and t see the tremendous importance of pressing the Christian dynamic at city's center.

BOXING

Sport or Mayhem?

What is the fifth commandment?—"Thou shalt not kill."

What is meant by this commandment?—"We should so fear and love God as not to do our neighbor any bodily harm or injury, but rather assist and comfort him in danger and want."

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER

DIRECT OBJECTIVE of the boxer in the
is to do bodily harm and injury to
opponent so as to render him in-
able of continuing the contest.
A boxer wants to win decisively. There-
e he tries for a "knockout." Failing
, he seeks to inflict injury and disable
opponent so as to render him help-
less. For this he is awarded a TKO (technical knockout). Points are scored for fair blows struck in proportion to their damaging effect. The harder puncher who inflicts the most damage is the winner.

By THEODORE RESSLER

Injuries occur in other sports. There are even deaths in the diamond, on the gridiron and on the court. But they are accidents. In boxing there are no accidents.

When Sugar Ray Robinson was asked whether he noticed that Jimmy Doyle was in trouble during a fight with Robinson which resulted in Doyle's death, he replied, according to the newspaper, "Getting him into trouble is my business."

Gene Tunney once wrote: "The ring is a terrifying place . . . Two men on public exhibition are paid to beat each other with their fists, each trying to slug the other to the floor."

Max Baer, whose fists so battered Frankie Campbell that he died, said: "There's too much 'yoo hoo, sweetie' stuff in it. Why do people come to see a fight? They want action."

Yet, God's law, taught by Catholic, Protestant and Jew alike, says: "Thou shalt not kill," and Luther follows with his explanation: "We should so fear and love God as not to do our neighbor any bodily harm or injury."

THERE WERE nine boxing deaths last year. The record for the last 10 years is 175 people killed. Yet, this record is merciful in comparison with the host of "punch drunk" victims, the insane, blind, paralyzed, psychotic, neurological, crippled and maimed victims.

Prizefighting not only destroys the body, it also destroys the soul of the contestant in too many cases. In my neighborhood last night there was a burglary. The loot was an artificial fur cape, worth $10 to a fence, a pack of cigarettes and $7.50 in cash. Arrested was Johnny Saxton, two-time welterweight champion of the world (1952 and 1954). In his nine years in the ring he earned more than a quarter million dollars.

Joe Lewis, perhaps the all-time g who reigned as champion longer an fended his crown more often and ea more money than any other man in ing, is reportedly deep in debt.

But boxing also destroys the sou the spectators. Who in this day of will number them? Boxing is essent fighting and appeals to the brutish stincts. At the lone fight which I tended the howling of the bloodth mob of spectators was even more re ing than the gladiators in the ring were beating each other into bloody in a free-swinging slugfest (16 stit required).

It is this appeal to the brute ins of "natural man" that is so frighte Haven't you, as you witnessed a m on TV or from ringside, found you almost shouting with the mob, re with the punches, attempting a murd right or a penetrating jab to an al bruised and bleeding eye? . . . You learned as a young catechumen to i pret the commandment "Thou shalt kill" as meaning that you should no flict on your neighbor "any bodily h or injury"?

ON MORAL and medical grounds p fighting ought to be condemned. In condemnation, Roman Catholic thi are taking the lead, notwithstanding fact that some of the best fighters come out of their parochial schools the Catholic youth organizations.

Dr. Harold R. Barnes, retired dea boxing judges in New York State loyal Lutheran layman, made a deva ing indictment of every phase of the ing business in a recent *Saturday Eve Post* article. His condemnation cu nated many years of first-hand witne of this inhuman pastime and pers acquaintance of its advocates and its

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THE ISSUE: Boxing is wrong from the Christian viewpoint, says Pastor Ressler. He claims that there is a rising tide of public sentiment against prize-fighting and cites as an authority Dr. Barnes, one of the councilmen at Messiah Church Pastor Ressler serves. He maintains that boxing should not be taught as a sport to youngsters. If we ban bullfighting or cockfighting where mainly animals are involved, then we certainly ought to ban prize fighting too, he says.

Many people will disagree with Pastor Ressler's contention. Among them are even parish pastors who have included boxing classes among the supervised activities of their congregational youth groups.

s. It represented also a victory in a tle with the Christian conscience.

His article, "Let's abolish boxing," has ually given rise to a movement trying outlaw prizefighting. Senator Russell Bryce, stung by the revelations made Barnes in his exposure, promptly in-luced a bill to abolish boxing in the te of Connecticut.

BUT HOW ABOUT amateur boxing? ely you wouldn't condemr. so inno-t a pastime promoted by Police Ath-c Leagues and Christian youth or-izations?

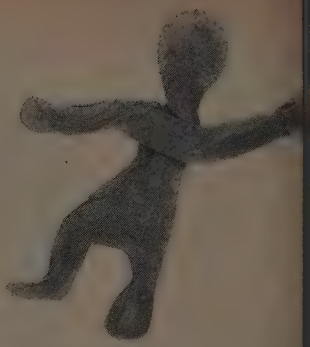
Keep in mind that amateurism is pro-sionalism's counterpart. Amateur tour-nents are pre-professional training ms. Every amateur dreams of one day ng that champion and winning that rmous purse. Each one of these moral physical wrecks was once an amateur. That body lying on a slab in the morgue may have been a Golden Glover.

REGULATE IT to reduce the incidence of injury and death and so make it morally and medically acceptable, you suggest? I might accept that, because I believe that it would render boxing non-existent. After all, to eliminate the inflicting of injury would be to eliminate the boxer's chief aim. When he is not trying to throw damaging punches (the head is the principal target), he is booed from the ring by the spectators.

The moral condemnation of boxing rests upon its objective—to inflict injury upon the opponent and render him helpless. It is truly an infraction of God's command "Thou shalt not kill" and of Luther's injunction "as not to do our neighbor any harm or injury." It is legalized murder. Let's abolish it!

A Legend by Elizabeth West Kelly

The King and the Doll



"GET OUT OF THE WAY!"

Rebecca heard the shout the moment she heard the galloping horses behind her. She jumped to the side, falling and rolling over and over as David had taught her. The thud of the horses' feet was loud in her ears. Mud spattered her face as the Roman legionnaires rushed by.

The men had run up from the road and were around her.

"You're not hurt, are you?" asked one of them, gently wiping her face. Rebecca shook her head, pushing her black hair under the scarf.

"You can see she's all right," said one of the men. "Come on. The master is waiting. We must go." They turned.

"My baby! Did you see my baby?" cried Rebecca.

The men stopped. "Where?"

"I put her by a stone while I was picking flowers for mother. Now I can't find her. What will I tell David? He carved her."

"Oh—a doll!" The men smiled at each other as they watched Rebecca rush from stone to stone. They glanced around briefly, then turned back to the road crowded with people on their way to Jerusalem for the Passover.

But they stopped again when they saw that the master had been attracted by the commotion and was bending down to the little girl.

"Have you lost something?" they heard him say.

"I left my doll beside a stone and n
I can't find her," Rebecca said.

"Let's look for her," the man said.

He took her hand. Together th
walked back, searching.

"Is this your baby?" the man asked
he stooped and picked up the doll. It h
been half buried by the horses' feet.

"Oh, yes, that's Rachel. But look
her!" Now she began to cry. "What w
I tell David?"

"Come," said the man, leading
gently to a grassy spot. "Sit down he
Tell me your name and who David is a
why he cares about your doll."

HE SPREAD his robe so that Rebe
could sit on it and put his arm arou
her. It was good to lean against h

"I'm Rebecca. David's my big broth
He and father went to Jerusalem for
Passover. I couldn't go."

"I've never been to Jerusalem an
wanted to go. David knew how loneso
I'd be without him. So he made me
doll. He said she would keep me co
pany until he came back. He used
best piece of wood to make it. Moth
dressed it just like her baby. And n
look at her—!" Rebecca began to
again.

There were pieces of mud and bits

ass and leaves all over the doll's clothes. nd across her face a horse's hoof had t a deep gash.

The men had come up from the road. ey, too, looked at the doll. One of em spoke.

"There's nothing we can do, master. e must get on."

"There may be something we can do," e man said.

"It's just a child. There are bigger ings at stake."

"Are there, Judas?" the man said ietly. "Sit down."

One by one they sat on the grass ound the child. The noise of the people the road barely reached them.

"What did you want to see in Jeruem?" asked the man, turning to ebecca.

"I wanted to see the temple and the iests. And, of course, the king. Everydy's looking for him."

"The king?"

"Yes. Everyone knows a king is com-g. Father says the prophets say so. I anted to see him—and his golden own."

While she talked, the man had carelly brushed the dirt from the doll's othes. And now she saw they weren't oiled at all.

"Your mother must love you very uch," the man said.

"She does. How did you know?" asked ebecca.

"She made such careful stitches in your ll's swaddling blanket. Only someone o cared a lot would take the time. e will feel badly about the face. We ust fix it."

"Fix that? How?" Rebecca cried as she inted to the cracked face.

"I used to be a carpenter. I'm still tching for pieces of wood. This morn-g I found this on the road."

He took an oblong piece of wood from his girdle. "It's cedar, too beautiful to rot in the mud—just the thing for your doll. Peter," he called to one of the men nearby. "May I borrow your knife?"

Peter walked over to hand him the knife. "I didn't know I was sharpening it for such an important purpose," he smiled.

Quickly the man's fingers shaped the body.

"You do it so fast," the child said. "Did you make dolls for your sisters?"

"Yes, I did. Now, we have to give her a new face. What did your doll look like?"

"David wanted to make her smile," the child said, "but I guess his knife slipped. She had a cross mouth. Could you make her smile?"

The man's knife dipped in and out, and there was the face—round eyes, small nose and a smile. "She looks like you, Rebecca."

"She's lovely," the child said cradling the doll in her arms.

The man stood up. "It is time to go."

"You're going to Jerusalem, too?" asked Rebecca. "Maybe you will see the king."

One of the men turned to her. "We've seen him," he said quietly.

The child looked up in wonder. "You have?"

Her eyes followed them as they went back to the road, surrounding her friend as a flock crowds around its shepherd. And suddenly it occurred to her that she had seen the king too, and that he wasn't wearing a golden crown.

She smiled at the doll, then looked at the people on the road, pushing each other to get to Jerusalem in search of the king.

If they only knew, she thought, that the king was walking right beside them.

FIVE MAKE A FAMILY

The New and the Strange

"PASTOR SYM'S leaving has certainly left a gap," Dan said when he returned from council meeting. "He's been gone since April, no replacement yet, and Pastor Ittel's running himself ragged trying to do two jobs."

"No replacement in view?" I asked. We all hated to see our young assistant pastor leave, but we knew that he would some day be called to some other church.

"Tonight Pastor Ittel suggested a seminary intern. The council agreed to explore that idea. However, there aren't many interns without assignment at this date."

"In the meantime," I said, "Pastor Ittel has to . . ."

"What about Pastor Ittel?" Karen, in pajamas, on her way to forage for snacks, paused at the door. "Don't say he's leaving, too!" She spoke in a worried tone.

WE ADULTS forget that even youngsters speculate and worry about a change in pastors. Karen and Pete grew up under Pastor Ittel's care. Though they sometimes flounder into that "so-what's-so-wonderful-about-religion" mood that influences youth at times, most of the time they have great respect for Pastor Ittel and deep roots in faith.

And when young Pastor Sym came as an assistant, all the teenage girls fell mildly in love with him. And boys, like Pete, tried Pastor Sym out with tricks and teasing and the church baseball team.

Our children have enjoyed their association with pastors. Naturally, they wonder who will come next.

"It's bad enough that Pastor Sym has left," Karen said. "If Pastor Ittel l too, we'd be sunk." She flopped on sofa, her search for food forgotten.

"Churches don't sink that easily," said, laughing at Karen's position. was on her back, pedaling a bike in air.

"My hips are showing," she explain

"Hips!" Dan hooted and all the ne papers slid to the floor.

"Well—I have to think of the futur Karen sat up and pulled her pajan straight. "We were talking about P tor Sym's replacement at Luther Leag last week. Pastor Sym's been gone fo few weeks. When are we going to ha a new assistant? Isn't it about . . . tim She expelled the last word as she ballet bends.

"Time!" Dan sang it out. "Sounds l a London pub."

"Don't be facetious, Dad."

Dan picked up a paper and hid behi it, squelched.

"DON'T MIND your father, Karen. can't forget the *day* he spent in Engla To hear him talk, he lived there a yea I winked at Dan as he peered over t paper. "It takes time to find a past Karen. You don't think the council a the congregation would call an unsuita man?"

"No . . ." Karen drew it out thoug fully. "But how can a new pastor into our groove?"

"Our groove?" I raised my eyebro "Have you ever thought about fitting in a new pastor's groove? There's alwa

ot of fitting when a new pastor is ed.

We're used to doing things one way. ew man may be used to doing them ther way. We'll co-operate with him he'll co-operate with us, and in a weeks our grooves will dovetail."

KAREN SAT QUIETLY. "I hadn't looked t that way. I had the idea that Lu-an ministers and Lutheran churches e all alike."

Both Dan and I smiled. "Goodness . . . " I said. "Lutheran churches are dif-nt . . . do things differently. Even rches in the ULCA. And now, with coming merger of four Lutheran lies, there will be more differences. we'll be under the same roof, so dif-nces won't matter much."

And we're all one faith," Dan re-ded Karen. "That's why a new min-r can fit into our groove, and we can nto his."

It will be exciting to have a new man e—even though we all hated to see tor Sym leave," I said. "It's like the cry . . . *'Le roi est mort. Vive le roi!'* " The king is dead. Long live the king!" en translated. She's so proud of her h school French.

That's the way it always is," Dan said. e cheered Pastor Sym, and we'll cheer new pastor. We regret the passing he familiar, but welcome the coming he new and the strange."

The new and the strange . . ." Karen eated Dan's words slowly. "Hey!" leaped from the sofa and exuberantly led a pillow into space.

CAUGHT it and tossed it at Dan. It nced on his head and slid behind his k, as he settled once more to his ers.

Why the 'Hey'?" I asked Karen.

Dad gave me an idea for our English assignment. I needed inspiration. That's why I came to look for food. We're to write a theme on something in science, but it's for English class. I was a blank, but now I have a title . . . The New and the Strange. I can go on from there."

Karen patted me on the head as she passed. "Excuse me, oldsters. I'm off to pen myself to the wood pulp."

Oh no, she didn't forget the snacks. I shuddered at the thump of the refrigerator door. Sometimes — but not often — the children remember to close it so it doesn't shake the house.

"PEN MYSELF . . ." Dan thought that one over. He lifted the newspaper for the third or the tenth time and started to read. He looked at me over the top. "Excuse me, grandma, I want to glue myself to the verbiage for a few minutes."

I crumpled a leaflet lying on the table and threw it against his paper.

"Now lissen, gal, haven't we had enough chit-chat? Let me read in peace."

"No. I want to talk." I moved to the sofa and patted the cushions. "Come over."

Dan groaned in pretend despair, bundled the papers into a messy bunch, and shuffled to the sofa. "What do you want to talk about?" He fluffed my hair, which he knows I hate anyone to do.

"Tell me about the council meeting and how a church gets in touch with interns. Does the synod suggest names or do the seminarians apply or what?" I put a pillow behind my spine, kicked off my scuffs, tucked both feet under me, and waited to be informed.

"Wrong on both," Dan announced. "The seminaries line things up, since the intern year is part of the seminary training. I suppose the seminaries clear such things with the top brass, though."

"Dan," I retorted, "such language!"

WORSHIP NOTEBOOK

IN SEARCH OF NEW IDEAS

ON THE CAMPUS of Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, next week will be pastors, musicians, church executives, worship "experts." They will come for the second conference of the Lutheran Society for Worship, Music, and the Arts.

They will be from every Lutheran church body in America and will share a common enthusiasm for doing some heavy thinking and planning regarding the worship of the church.

Some will say that it's just another organization, a fast-growing group eager to demonstrate that at last "the worship people" are now organized to take their place alongside the educators, theologians, social scientists and missionaries.

If that's all that this new society is to be—a weeping wall where kindred spirits may come together to lament the failure of the church to move with giant steps, or a committee room burgeoning with reports and programs and mimeograph machines—then those attending the conference might better spend the time strolling under the trees or reading in the library.

SOME OF US have higher hopes for this society. This is to be a "free" conference. No official "chain of command" will squelch its enthusiasm or bury its efforts in a heap of bureaucratic gobbledegook. The potential is here to make of this group a laboratory where people with ideas about worship and its allied arts can put them into practice. Here we won't constantly be reminded that "that's not the way we've always done it!" The air will be free, it is expected.

So this new society will be challen "Dare to experiment!" If it takes up challenge, there is no telling what in ence it will work upon the churche our land. One who has zeal for the ship of the church will be sure to many areas which can be explored, through which new paths can be h

TAKE ART, for example. Most relig art, as the great body of our church m bers know it, is either sentimental photographic, or it is a very bad imita of the great art of long dead eras. people are content too often with man's "Head of Christ" or carbon co of the stained-glass windows, stat crucifixes, and paintings of the gothic

I can't see why a congregation w builds a startlingly beautiful mo church with clean lines will be co to fill the space above the altar wit copy of Thorvaldsen's Inviting Ch Sure, this famous statue with the stretched arms has an appeal. Pe love it, but I suspect that they love it because they know nothing else.

It will not be enough that the so takes a broadside at this kind of art the art in our churches is to be impro we must encourage our people to ap ciate what is good and why it is good

And this, it seems to me will req more than a statement. Paul Tillich said that the greatest religious pain of this generation is Picasso's "Guerni a composition related to the Spanish War. There is something (perhaps color, perhaps the composition) abo I like. But I fail to see that it is a ligious painting. Either I must be

d or Tillich's judgment must be re-luated.

ART, THE PLASTIC ART, is close to ar-tecture. A lot of people are doing a of talking, both pro and con, on mod- church architecture. I'll leave the erts to wrangle over the battle between "glass-wall" versus the "gothic tracery s." Maybe too many of our people to see "church" in these stark modern ictures. But does this mean that we st be forever dotting the landscape h pseudo-Gothic and Colonial rches?

Here too the society can strike out h boldness. But before it attempts to ermine how a church should look, it have to fathom the purpose of a rch.

Here we come to music and worship lf. All credit to a handful of vision-musicians who were the ones to hatch new society! They saw a need and y did the ground work. But, like the rship "experts" of extreme, moderate, indifferent liturgical persuasion, they st not allow the society to become ir personal plaything.

We've come a long way in the growth appreciation of good music in our rches. Against a background of some-es ponderous, sometimes fervent, both re than not unappreciated church mu- sacred song soars in our churches. is does not mean that we can sit back our Anglican and Gregorian chants or German and Scandinavian chorales f they were written in heaven.

A new *Service Book and Hymnal* for st of the Lutherans in North America gotten our people out of a rut. They ve learned new music and, in spite of grumbles of a few, are beginning to it. But there is room for new and ter music.

AND HERE a word of caution. All of those in the society must remember that worship is a drama in which all of us are actors with God. The church is not a concert hall. Music must first serve as the vehicle for congregational participation. Only secondarily is there room for performance pieces.

The over-all concern of the society is with worship. As with music, worship has made giant strides in our churches. Out of the dull, dreary, verbose forms of a former period in our history, have come forms rich with devotion. We have gone into the past to find the patterns for the now. But there too we must not stand still.

There is still a strong argument against archaic expression in the liturgy. There is, to some degree, justifiable criticism of patterns which are not adequately expressive of our faith. There is a cold, cynical world for whom the sacred drama of the church is just so much pious mumbling.

What will the church do to make its actions startlingly significant to those who pass by? Perhaps the society will try to answer this question and in its answer bring forth freshness and zeal.

—EDGAR S. BROWN, JR.

PERSONAL PROBLEM CLINIC

By EARL S. RUDISILL

On the road

QUESTION: My work requires me to travel frequently. When I took the job I did not anticipate this. When the prob-

lem arose I had no choice except to quit. Naturally, Evelyn has to take responsibility for the children. The result is that I lose meaningful contact with them; and when I get home I am practically a stranger.

REPLY: Your problem is not hopeless, even though it is frustrating. You will need, to a considerable degree, to re-establish yourself with the children each time you return home. Evelyn can give a great deal of help by reminding them of you in a pleasant manner. She should not use you as a disciplinary threat, but keep you in their lives as an object of love.

When you are at home you will gain nothing by exercising arbitrary authority, nor by negating your wife's principles or ways of dealing with the youngsters. You need to unite with the on-going home activities, seek tactfully to win their good will, and take any possible part in their play. You can maintain your status with the children though it may not be easy.

It may be that an opportunity will come to you to make a change in jobs. Be alert for such an opening. But, if it does not happen in the near future, you do not need to be dismayed. As time passes and the children advance in experience and reasoning power, you will find this situation is less of a problem.

The circumstances will become clearer to them. They will come to recognize your difficulties. Then everything you have done to win them will begin to pay dividends. In all such difficulties one needs to maintain a long view and not permit immediate hindrances to defeat him. One's faith in God and in humanity will carry him through.

Prenatal influence

QUESTION: Some of my close frie
are urging me to attend concerts, p
the piano, and sing so that my expec
baby may be inclined to music and h
musical ability. Do such habits and
terests of a mother affect an unb
child?

REPLY: The main prenatal in
ences are the good health of
mother, adequate nutrition, protec
from shock or injury, absence of de
tive development, and a reasona
good heredity. Lack of these will
urally have a negative influence.

Skills in music, art, and other
ciplines, as such, are not inheri
Traits and abilities acquired by par
through training, discipline, or o
experience are not passed on by
ganic heredity. The recent annou
ment of the National Science Fou
tion of a newly found alteration in
character of genes has no relation
to Lamarck's (and Lysenko's) b
that genes are affected by envi
mental influences. It refers rathe
the influence of one gene upon anot

This does not mean that our kn
edge, skills, religion, etiquette,
ways of living have no influence on
next generation. These things (
many others) must be learned anew
each child and each generation. M
of them are picked up directly f
the environment in which a child li

The environment, in turn, is po
fully influenced by all of the par
characteristics, both acquired and
herited. One might wish that all g
traits could be passed on automatic
but that would mean the passing o
the negative qualities as well. E
individual must start "at scratch."
planned it that way.

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 8:1-13

WE COME NOW to the most important rt of *Hebrews*. All that the author has itten up to this point is, as he himself nits, preliminary to what he now has say to his friends. But to say that it s been preliminary does not mean that has been unimportant. On the con- ry, the portrayal of Jesus as God's Son d as a high priest superior in every way others in the human race who have ed as mediators between God and men uld not very well have been overlooked. ly so could the uniqueness of Jesus be gled out and underscored.

But it is not just the unique *person* of us which interests the author. Biblical ter's are generally more concerned with *work* which God does—or in this e the work done by his Son. It is here God's *work* that revelation takes place l that men are affected and history red. Thus the real center of *Hebrews* ntroduced to us right here beginning h Chapter 8. From this point on until reader reaches 10:18 he is confronted h the work that Jesus has done and does as God's high priest.

IN ORDER to appreciate what our au- r has to say about this subject, it is l that we understand some basic things ut the working of his mind. First, hould be noted that he thinks of Jesus now being "seated at the right hand he throne of the Majesty in heaven." esus himself, following his Resurrec- , had been elevated in glory to God's h right hand, that is, to a position of er next to God himself. The author therefore regards him whom the Christians love and worship and adore equally with God as now in the very presence of the Father "in heaven." He is the Lord!

Second, the author is thinking (as the scholars put it) *typologically*. That means nothing more than that he is concerned with comparing two things. On the one hand there is, as the writer indicates, the sanctuary of heaven where God is. There into his presence come in reality all the praise, adoration and worship which is ever given to him. On the other hand there exists on earth the physical tabernacle built and constructed by human hands according to the directions Moses received from God. In this tabernacle, until it was replaced by the temple in Jerusalem, the Hebrews worshiped God with their sacrifices and offerings.

We say our author is thinking *typologically* because he regards the earthly tabernacle (or temple) as but a type or copy of the real sanctuary in heaven.

Keeping these peculiarities of the writer's thought in mind, we can then turn our attention to what he has to say about Jesus' work.

IT IS IN the very presence of God himself in heaven (in *that* sanctuary or *true* tent) that Jesus serves as our high priest, making his offering for man's sake. If he were yet on earth, he would not then be serving as our priest before God because on earth there already exists a priesthood for the purpose of offering gifts and making sacrifices. The importance of underscoring Jesus' service in God's heavenly sanctuary lies in the fact that, as our au-

thor sees it, the service itself is not only perfect but is rendered in the perfect place, i.e., in the very presence of God.

There is of course good reason why perfection characterizes the work which Jesus performs as high priest. As one who stands in the middle, reconciling men to God once more, Jesus brings into existence a new kind of covenant between God and his people—a covenant enacted upon "better promises."

SUCH A STATEMENT is not as complicated as it may first appear. By it our author is making an extremely important point to an understanding of the way God deals with his people. Along with other New Testament writers the author of *Hebrews* looks upon Jesus and his work as a superior kind of repeated performance by God of something he had once done earlier in Hebrew history. One has to dabble (as the writer has done in verses 8 through 12) to understand it.

When the Israelites were no more than slaves in Egypt, God raised up Moses and through him delivered those enslaved people from the living death of serfdom. He brought them safely into the deserts of Arabia and at Mt. Sinai established a living, working relationship with them. The relationship was called a "covenant." It was based on several things. First, it rested on God's gracious choice of these enslaved people to be his own people and on his act of delivering them from bondage. Second, it was rooted in God creating them into a people with a purpose to fulfill and a new life to live. Third, it was grounded on God's command that these people should serve him in absolute obedience. And fourth, it had further foundation in God's promise to treat them with his favor and to grant them his protection if they remained faithful and obedient to his Law.

How miserably the Israelites failed honor God in his covenant with them one of the obvious features of the sto of the Old Testament. Their long histo of breaking trust in God finally broug that people to destruction. In a wor of power politics, where Israel's only a vantage had been her associations wi God and her fulfillment of his purpos in her in history, the desertion of h faith and trust in God left her vulnerab before strong enemies.

But at the very time Jerusalem w going up in smoke in the fires set by t Babylonian conquerors, the prophet Je miah appeared on the scene. He pr claimed a new day coming (the era the Messiah) when God would create new people and establish a new kind covenant relationship with them bas upon the forgiveness of their sins.

Along with the early Christians, t writer of Hebrews sees this prophe pointedly fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In h and around him God has created a n people, has forgiven them their sins, a established a new relationship with the It is in them that God's purposes in h tory are now to be accomplished.

But even before Jesus came to ear the writer sees the old covenant and lationship passing out of the picture. T very mention of the making of a new a different covenant by Jeremiah indica that God had even at that early time garded the old covenant as becoming tiquated and deteriorating with age, having already come near the point being completely wiped out. God h foreseen even then the necessity for new arrangement whereby sin, which c stantly disrupted his relationship with people in the past, would be dealt w finally and effectively. The door was ready open then for the emergence Jesus!

—ROBERT A. BARTEL

'NOD CONVENTIONS

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nvention scuttles hospitalization plan

By WILLIAM L. PIFER

WO QUESTIONS which brought out lively uments were the admissions policies of Mulberry home for the aged and the posed hospitalization insurance for the gy.

tegarding Mulberry the social missions nmittee recommended that a monthly ment plan be substituted for life con- cts. At present a minimum $1,000 ad- sion fee is required. The proposal is that dents at the home make monthly pay- nts instead of an initial contribution. Pub- assistance funds or other aid are to be ght for supporting residents whose finan- resources become exhausted.

The synod decided that inclusion of the lberry Home on the 1961 budget will de- d on whether the home's board of di- tors accepts the proposed financial policy.

As FOR health insurance for pastors, a nmittee had worked for a year gathering a and preparing three alternative plans. one point in the convention the commit- 's "plan 2" (covering hospital and sur- al fees) was adopted but the convention used to allot funds necessary for putting n effect.

Three were ordained to the ministry, Ray- nd Francies, Ronald E. Shoo, and Robert David. The Rev. George H. Hoog was talled in the newly created office of as- ant to the president of synod. Two newly anized congregations were received: St. chael's, West Richmond-Centerville, and Stephen's, Indianapolis.

A committee on synod reorganization was t yet ready with a final report, so the od set a special convention to be held t. 26-27.

Dr. Henry Endress of the ULC Steward- ship Department represented the United Lutheran Church. Dr. Chauncey Bly, a pathologist of Rochester, N. Y., startled some of his audience by projecting slides illustrating effects of various diseases. The thought of death, he said, should bring the same kind of urgency to today's world as the hope of Christ's second coming brought in the early church. Because of the dramatic success of modern drugs in prolonging life, he said, we have lost sight of the ever-present nearness of death.

The synod adopted a 1960 budget of $409,200, calling for per capita giving of $18.60. Of this amount, $182,380 is intended for synodical objectives and $226,820 for the United Lutheran Church.

MICHIGAN

IMMANUEL CHURCH, JACKSON, MAY 11-13

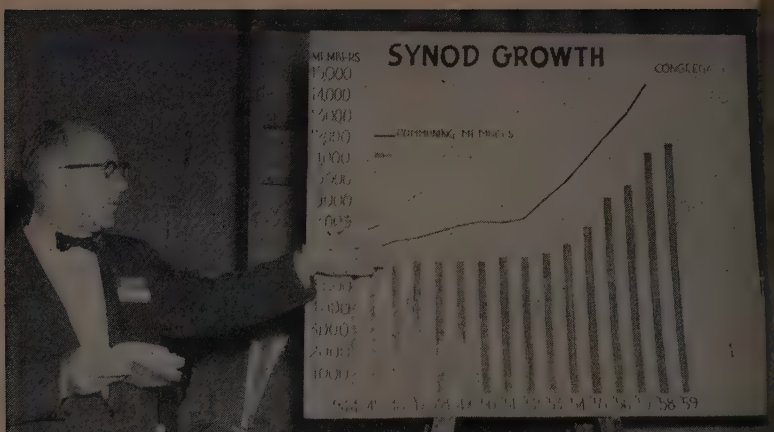
Number of churches doubled in seven years

By CLYDE G. STEELE

IN SEVEN YEARS the Michigan Synod has doubled the number of its congregations. In 1953 there were 30. This year, with three newly organized churches added to the roll, the number reached 60. Those received in 1959 are: Church of the Abiding Presence in Rochester, Holy Redeemer in Southgate, and Zion in Ironwood. More than half of the 60 now enrolled are mission congregations. Communing membership rose in six years from 9,156 to 14,672.

Synod's growth in stewardship has kept pace with the increasing number of congregations. The record budget adopted for 1960 totals $284,800, larger than for the double apportionment year (1958), and is based on a per capita quota of $19.41 per communing member, as compared with previous high of $19.27. The delegates increased the budget proposed by the executive committee by $4,700.

Longest debate of the convention was on support of Oesterlen Home in Springfield, Ohio, which specializes in the care of chil-



MICHIGAN SYNOD GROWTH IN FIFTEEN YEARS
Pastor Alfred Belles explains chart

dren with special problems. The proposal before the convention was to cut the Michigan Synod support of the home to $1,000 for 1960 and off it completely the following year. Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is to be organized May 25.

After two hours of debate, delegates voted to retain connection with the home indefinitely. Instead of the $1,000 they raised the amount to $5,000 per year. Lutheran Social Services will receive $11,000.

SEGREGATED housing was attacked in a resolution from the synod's social missions committee, which presented a "proposed covenant of open occupancy." The covenant was commended by the synod to all its congregations for adoption. Members of congregations, according to this covenant, promise to "support one another, and all others who refuse to conform to racial discrimination in housing, with friendship, mutual aid, and corporate action to prevent either social ostracism or economic reprisal because of our practice of nondiscrimination."

Members will "make known to our neighbors, if there is a tendency toward panic selling, that we will not sell our houses to escape racial integration but will urge othe to stay and help maintain the standards our community and all its institutions a agencies."

The synod stated in the resolution that believes "racial segregation within our loc neighborhoods is contrary to God's will a that every person, regardless of race, w intends to be a good and law-abiding neig bor, has a right to make his home in o midst with a claim upon our friendship a Christian concern."

. DR. ALBERT JACOBI, president of the Syn of Canada, was the ULC representative the sessions. He outlined the history of t four Lutheran denominations now conside ing merger and outlined the work of t ULC boards and agencies.

A NUMBER of delegates took issue wi the recommendation of the executive com mittee that "coffee breaks" be omitted fro the conventions of synod in the future. Aft about 15 minutes of discussion the propos of the executive committee was carried b the slender margin of 47-32—no more sy odical coffee breaks.

Two men were ordained, both graduates the Chicago Seminary: Kamal Joseph nna, born in Palestine, graduated from Schneller School at Jerusalem and Wart- rg College, and Frank Jones of Mason y, Iowa, a former Fulbright scholar. Both a have been called to develop mission ngregations in the Detroit area.

The statistician reported that 20 parishes using the new hymnal, and 19 of these singing the first setting of the liturgy.

OVA SCOTIA

IDGEWATER, MAY 7-10

arriage discussion draws crowd

By DOUGLAS A. CONRAD

LARGEST ATTENDANCE at a weekday ses- on of the synod in years was attracted by e topic, "Family, Marriage, and Divorce," esented by Dr. Harold Haas, executive cretary of the ULC Board of Social Mis- ons. Dr. Haas was an author of the 1956 atement of the United Lutheran Church hich made provision of remarriage of di- rced persons and sanctioned "planned renthood."

A global program of aid for the destitute as described by the executive secretary of anadian Lutheran World Relief, the Rev. lifton L. Monk of Winnipeg. He told of e Salk vaccine, millions of pounds of dry im milk, cod liver oil, and infant layettes hich were distributed to refugees. He said at goods valued at $500,000 were sent verseas at a cost of $18,000.

The Rev. Douglas A. Conrad was re- ected president of the synod. He reported 70 per cent increase in the amount sent by e synod on the ULC apportionment in 958. He said that four of the rural parishes f the synod have been placed on mission atus by arrangement with the Board of merican Missions.

Among officers elected are: the Rev. ames Slack, secretary; Ivan Wamboldt, reasurer.

ILLINOIS

ROCKFORD, MAY 11-13

"Greater Tomorrow" campaign tops goal

By JOHN E. COOPERRIDER

HIGHLIGHT of the 40th annual convention was the announcement that $1,802,256 had been committed in cash and pledges in the United for Christ's Greater Tomorrow campaign, conducted this spring. The campaign, authorized at last year's synod meeting, had an original goal of $1,500,000.

Benefiting institutions and agencies will be Carthage College, Chicago Seminary, Alpine Lutheran Camp, and Lutheran student work, which will receive 50, 26.7, 10, and 5 per cent of the receipts respectively.

CARTHAGE will use its share to help establish a second campus on the shores of Lake Michigan at Kenosha, Wis.; the seminary, to construct a chapel and add library facilities; the camp, for an all-purpose year-round building; and Lutheran student work, for the construction of Lutheran student centers at various universities in the state.

The Rev. Alfred H. Stone, pastor of First Church, Decatur, and co-chairman with Clarence M. Turley and Mrs. John P. Vitek of the campaign committee, announced that a potential figure of $2.3 million could be reached if the hopes and resolutions of pastors and congregational leaders are achieved.

He also reported that a total of $4,398,000 in three to four years has been assured the various church agencies due to similar campaigns being conducted by the Iowa Synod, the Wartburg Synod, the Northwest Synod, and the citizens of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

THE SYNOD also adopted a minimum proposed budget of $1,141,158 for 1960, $594,589 of which will go to the ULCA.

An actual budget will not be made up until after all congregational commitments are received early in 1960. This is being done in accordance with a new program for raising benevolence monies, called the "evangelical approach to stewardship."

This program, adopted at last year's synod meeting and being used for the first time now, is patterned after the "Sector Project" in local congregations. A proposal committee early this year worked out the proposed "must" budget of $1,141,158, as well as an advance budget of $1,416,157, and a venture budget of $1,693,941.

On June 14 there will be an "every congregation visitation" in which the pastors of the synod will exchange pulpits. They will then meet with church councils after the services to receive their tentative commitments, in the form of the amounts that they will recommend to their congregations to be included in the church's budget for benevolence. Actual congregational commitments will not be made until budgets are adopted at annual meetings in January. At that time a working synodical budget will be prepared by the synod executive board.

The whole program was designed to replace the apportionment system, used since the synod was organized in 1920 and thought by many to be legalistic.

ONLY HEATED discussion at this year's meeting centered around the synod's attitude toward the recommendations of the Child Welfare League of America in regard to improving the services of the nine Lutheran child care agencies in the state.

The League had suggested four alternative plans. It recommended Plan I and called for the establishment of one Lutheran child welfare agency for National Lutheran Council churches in the state of Illinois.

The Division of Inner Missions of the Committee on Social Missions and the Executive Board brought in a recommendation that the synod endorse in principal Plan III, calling on agencies most closely related to the TALC merger to consolidate into one agency, with those most closely related to the ULCA-Augustana-Suomi-AELC merger to form a second agency.

By a narrow margin, the synod voted to adopt the Executive Board's recommendation. Overnight, they had a change of heart. The next day it was voted to reconsider the matter, which was then referred back to Division of Inner Missions for another y of study.

The feeling of those opposed to the ecutive Board's proposal was expressed one speaker, who said, "It may be possi to lump all agencies together in the light the Augustana Church's announced pol that all agencies must be church-own However, the question is whether the Illin Synod wants to endorse a policy that is contrary to its present practice." Those voring the Executive Board's recommen tion felt that the new church soon to formed would require that all agencies church-owned and that steps toward t goal should be taken now.

ONE NEW congregation was received—C Saviour's of Pekin, the Rev. William Swarbrick, pastor.

Dr. Royal Lesher was installed as sec tary for synodical missions and the R John M. Spaid as secretary for educatio camping.

AN INTER-LUTHERAN flavor was given the convention when Dr. O. V. Anders president of the Illinois Conference of t Augustana Church, spoke at the Ordinati Service; and Dr. Melvin A. Hammarbe executive director of the Augustana Boa of World Missions, spoke about co-operati in the field of foreign missions.

Dr. A. Howard Weeg, president of t Illinois Synod, preached at the service Holy Communion which opened the syn meeting. Nine men were ordained.

A special feature was a symposium "Christian Marriage and Family Life," which Dr. Richard R. Syre of the School Missions at the Chicago Seminary spoke the Biblical basis for marriage. Dr. Jo Stull, a physician, and member of Trin Church, Olney, spoke on social and medic aspects of marriage and the problems co nected therewith. Dr. H. Grady Davis, pr fessor of functional theology at the seminar spoke on the responsibility of pastors carrying out an effective program of ma riage counseling in the parish.

LC Colleges Grant 49 Honorary Degrees

hurch and Secular Leaders Receive Doctorates at Commencement Exercises

CAMPUS populations were crowding again o field houses, chapels and assembly ounds this month to see the classes of '59 e leave of college life and a few rep- entatives of older generations receive nors for special achievements.

The customary awarding of honorary de- es was a high point of commencement ercises this spring in 12 of the 13 ULC- ated colleges. For the second year in a w, Newberry offered none.

Recipients of the 49 doctorates granted re clergymen (25 doctors of divinity were ded to the ULC roster), educators, indus- al and civic leaders. One United States binet member, Secretary of Health, Edu- cation and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming, re- ceived a degree from Gettysburg College.

Only one woman was among the neo- doctors. Miss Emma Johnson, retiring this year after serving as missionary in India for 34 years, received a doctor of humane letters degree from Carthage College.

Other degrees conferred were 11 doctor- ates in law granted to distinguished laymen, in addition to doctor degrees in humane let- ters, letters, science, pedagogy, and music.

Totals for the 12 colleges were: Gettys- burg 7, Muhlenberg 5, Carthage, Hartwick, Lenoir Rhyne, Midland, Roanoke, Susque- hanna, Thiel, Wittenberg and Waterloo 4 each, and Wagner one.

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.D., Carthage

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ULCA Pastor
D.D., Carthage

WM. H. COOPER
Seminary Professor
D.D., Carthage

W. W. ROTH
ULCA Pastor
D.D., Carthage

PAUL H. SMITH
ULCA Pastor
D.D., Gettysburg

S. FLEMMING
Cabinet Member
D., Gettysburg

H. H. KELLER
Retired Judge
LL.D., Gettysburg

ARTHUR YEAGY
Church Executive
D.D., Gettysburg

HENRY ENDRESS
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Educator
Litt.D., Gettysburg

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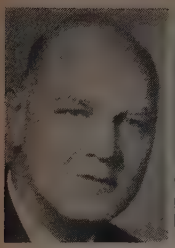

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Methodist Pastor
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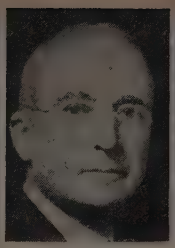

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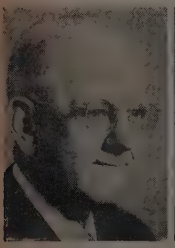

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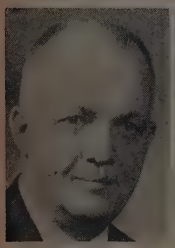

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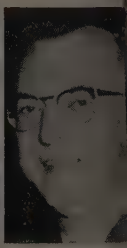

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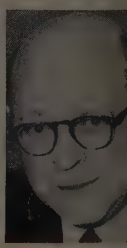

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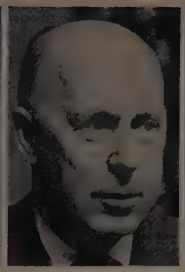

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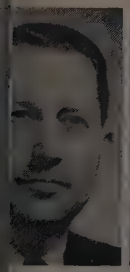

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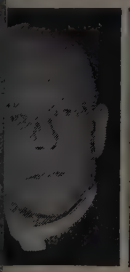

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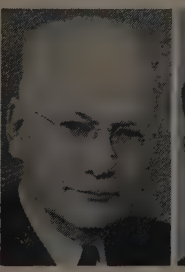

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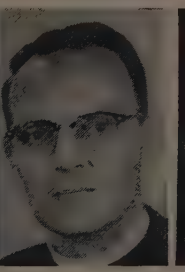

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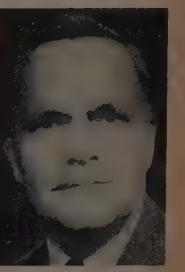

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pastors; THEODORE G. TAP-
Philadelphia Seminary professor.
ceived Doctor of Divinity degrees.

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Expanding Congregations Build Needed Facilities

By E. RUDOLPH WALBORN

COLUMBUS — New buildings, completed and on the drawing boards, attest the steady growth of Ohio Synod congregations.

St. Luke's Church, at Lima, dedicated a three-story stone educational building for which plans were begun in 1952. It provides 13 classrooms, offices and a lounge.

Synod President Herbert W. Veler spoke at the dedication. At a recognition service the speaker was the Rev. Robert F. Berger, son of Pastor John W. Berger.

HOPE CHURCH, Toledo, is building a $300,000 addition which will enlarge the sanctuary capacity by 25 per cent, and will add educational and office and kitchen space. The congregation has called David Ullery as assistant to Pastor Walter W. Larson, following his graduation from Hamma Divinity School.

GROUND WAS BROKEN by Faith Church, the mission on Akron's west side, for a $158,000 first unit. It will be a sanctuary seating 175, seven classrooms, church office and study, and a kitchen (*see photo*).

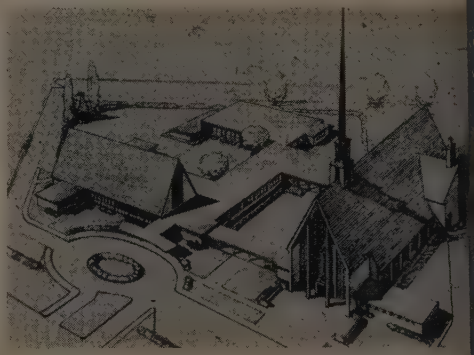
Synod Mission Director Albert H. Buhl and C. N. Ritter, of the synod board of home missions, assisted Pastor Kenneth H. Sauer at the service. Services have been held in the Fairlawn school.

MESSIAH CHURCH, Dayton, has acquired an adjoining residence as a parish house. The Sunday school has been overflowing the mission's first building dedicated last spring.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Ingomar, is awarding contracts for a parish hall to provide ten classrooms, nursery, kitchen and office for the rural congregation in Preble county.

CASSTOWN CHURCH broke ground fo one-story Sunday school addition, the construction since the present building erected in 1867.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Cuyahoga Falls, opened its building as a Day Center for w with the aging sponsored by the Luthe Service Society of Northeastern Ohio. center is open every Tuesday with an a age attendance of 33.



Architect's sketch shows projected Faith Church, Akron *Sanctuary (right) is first unit of West Side mission*

Anniversary at Youngstown

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Youngstown, served its 60th anniversary, together w the 20th anniversary of Pastor Robert Boettger. Guest speaker at the ceremo April 26 was President Gustave W. Wel of Susquehanna University. Pastor Boett has accepted a call to First Church, Lora after serving St. Luke's for six years.

DR. F. EPPLING REINARTZ, secretary the United Lutheran Church, will give t address at Wittenberg College's baccala reate service on Sunday, June 7.

Dr. Reinartz's daughter Caroline is a nber of this year's graduating class at tenberg.

ASTOR MILTON G. MOORE, who served years as superintendent of the Springfield er Mission, has been called to Chicago he executive director of the United Lu- an Social Mission Society of Illinois.

Dr. Schrag Going to Vienna

PRINGFIELD— James Schrag, irman of the so- logy department Wittenberg Col- e, has been ap- nted director of International ends Center in nna, Austria. will take a two- r leave of ab- ce from the uni- sity to head the ject beginning in August.

DR. JAMES SCHRAG

Dr. Schrag's assignment will be to estab- intercultural seminars among students l faculty members at the University of nna. Students from 25 nations are en- ed in the university. The project is spon- ed by the American and British Friends vice Committees.

MICHIGAN

Pastors Told to Master 1st Century Bible Idiom

By CLYDE G. STEELE

DETROIT — Almost a hundred Lutheran pastors from Michigan and Ohio gathered in Ann Arbor May 3 and 4 to hear Dr. Krister Stendahl, professor of New Testament at Harvard Divinity School. He lectured on "First Century Christology and Twentieth Century Preaching."

Dr. Stendahl said the problem of parish pastors is "bridging the gap between first century Biblical thought and 20th century proclamation which is faithful to the first century documents." He recommended a "bilingual" approach, which he said demands that the preacher be able to think in first century idiom and express himself in the language of his own time, in order to communicate the age-old message with its own urgency, precision and relevance.

The lectures at the University of Michigan were sponsored by the committee on religious studies of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament, for NLC pastors.

Southgate Mission Organizes

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH was organized April 5 in Southgate, southwest Detroit.

Steering committee helped Pastor Houser (center) in organizing Southgate mission

Holy Redeemer congregation in southwest Detroit has 76 charter members

Missionary Dr. and Mrs. Paul Durkee present son, Arthur Paul, for baptism by Dr. Calvin F. Stickles in Reformation Church, Detroit. The same pastor baptized the father in 1930.

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Seventy-six adults became charter members, seven by baptism, 27 by confirmation, 12 by profession of faith and 30 by transfer.

Mission Developer J. Ray Houser, Jr., began work in the field a year ago, and held the first service last September. The mission has acquired a church site.

Assisting in the organization service were Dr. J. Ray Houser, father of the pastor and president of Waterloo Seminary, and Synod President Frank P. Madsen.

Churches Plan Buildings

ARCHITECTS have been engaged to design first and second units for Gethsemane Church, Grand Rapids; Ascension Church, Pontiac, and Resurrection Church, Detroit.

TRIUMPHANT CROSS CHURCH, St. Clair Shores, East Detroit, paid off its first mortgage far in advance of the due date.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN held their spring synodical conference in Christ Church, Monroe. Speakers included Pastor Daniel Chu, of Springfield, Ohio, and Hans Dumpys, vicar at Hope Church, Detroit.

Suomi to Hold Conventio In Berkeley ULC Church

BERKELEY, CALIF.—The Finnish Evang cal Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) w hold its convention here June 28-July 1. S sions will be in St. Michael's (ULC Church, which is lending its facilities to Finnish host congregation, Holy Trin Church.

Pastor Donald Lehti of Holy Trinity a Pastor H. Paul Schaeffer of St. Micha are co-operating on the arrangements.

This may be the last Suomi conventi before the merger with ULCA, Augusta and AELC. Representatives of the fo church bodies will give a panel presentati of merger plans on the closing night of convention.

Suomi Synod President Raymond War lin will preach the opening sermon in Michael's on June 28. He began his mi istry at Holy Trinity here.

John Piirto, a member of Holy Trini will be ordained at the Sunday evening se ice. Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, president Pacific Lutheran Seminary, will preach.

Other speakers at the sessions include I Paul Empie, executive director of the N tional Lutheran Council, and Dr. Pa Morentz, of the Pacific Seminary faculty.

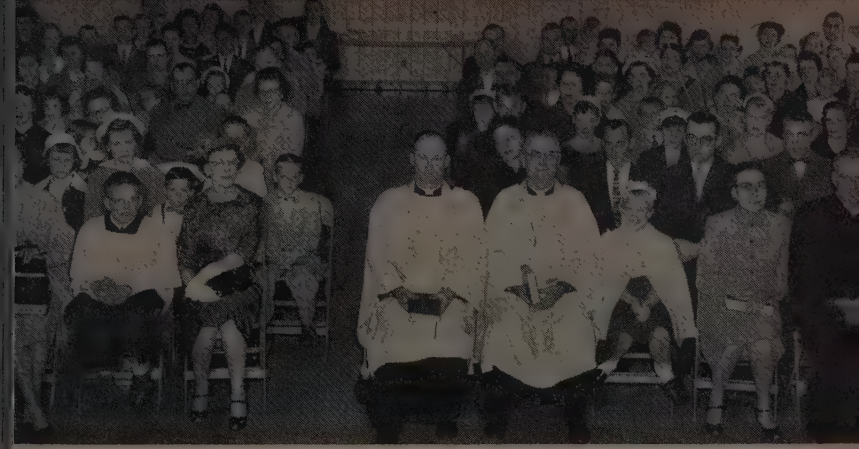
IOWA

New Buildings Dedicated Missions to Erect More

By ALFRED J. BEIL

DES MOINES—Two Iowa congregatio recently dedicated new buildings. Fi Church, Newton, Philip Biblehimer, paste dedicated the reconstructed church nave April 26. The improvement program co $35,000.

St. John's Church, Dunlap, Robert Hoe pastor, dedicated a $75,000 church buildi on May 24. Earlier completion of the co struction was made possible by a $24,0 legacy.



First service for new mission in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, drew 101 interested persons on April 12 *Pastor Robert Parker is the developer. Meetings are being held in school auditorium*

Projects Soon to Start

BUILDING PROGRAMS will be started this ar by three mission congregations: Trinity urch, Pleasant Valley, $100,000; St. phen's Church, Des Moines, $68,000; and Luke's Church, Sioux City, $110,000. Eight other congregations are in the midst fund-raising campaigns to finance church ildings costing from $75,000 to $425,000.

Three Pastors Ordained

THREE YOUNG MEN were ordained at Trin- Church, Webster City, May 19. They re Richmond C. Anderson, Robert A. ckstrom and George S. Munroe, Jr. Pas- Orval Awerkamp, of Long Beach, Calif., eached the convention ordination sermon. Pastor Anderson has been called to Hope ssion, Cedar Rapids, and will be installed ne 14. Pastor Beckstrom will be installed St. Mark's Church, Sioux City, on June 7. stor Munroe has been called by the Board American Missions to Davenport.

DR. MAURICE E. LESHER, synod statis- ian, reports these net gains in member- ip: Baptized, 1,056; confirmed, 672; com- ning, 557.

FAITH CHURCH, Eldridge, dedicated 26 odern symbolic windows recently. Presi- nt Alfred J. Beil preached.

MINNESOTA

David Gerberding Named Stewardship Secretary

By PAUL LUTHER WETZLER

MINNEAPOLIS—The Rev. David R. Gerberding has accepted the call of the Northwest Synod's executive committee to become stewardship secretary of the synod, effective May 15.

PASTOR GERBERDING

DR. MCCREARY

He had been associate pastor at Holy Trinity Church, Akron, Ohio, and previously served Martin Luther Church, Milwaukee, Wis., following his ordination in 1950. He is a son of Dr. Richard H. Gerberding, retired executive secretary of the Board of American Missions.

Pastor Gerberding succeeds Dr. George B. McCreary, who resigned to become assistant

MINNESOTA . . .

to the synod president last September. Dr. McCreary had directed stewardship activities for eight years during which total benevolences gained more than 60 per cent.

Mission Churches Organized

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, Columbia Heights, Minneapolis, was organized on Palm Sunday with 178 confirmed and 360 baptized members. The Rev. Dick E. Hamlin is the mission developer. Synod President Paul E. Bishop preached at the organization service and Dr. Clarence B. Lund, synod parish education secretary, was liturgist.

ORGANIZATION service of Christ Church, Blaine Village, Spring Lake Park, was held May 17 in the Spring Lake Park High School. Dr. Dwight H. Shelhart, synod home missions director, and the Rev. Merle G. Franke, secretary of English missions in the Board of American Missions, took part.

Camp Director Appointed

DR. GEORGE BASS has been appointed executive director of the Central Conference's United Lutheran Camp at Green Lake, Chisago City.

A large new faculty lounge is being built at the camp, with sleeping rooms and kitchenette, and the former faculty lounge is being converted into a director's cabin. A record season is anticipated, with registrations running above last year.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of Redeemer Church, Minneapolis, was held May 21. ULCA Secretary F. Eppling Reinartz spoke at the banquet.

Preaching Classes Popular

CLASSES IN PREACHING, inaugurated by Dr. George Hall last fall at the University of Minnesota, have grown from the initial enrollment of three to a high of 20 pre-theological students.

The young men get practice in preaching at the International Student Center, with the approval of nearby Lutheran churches.

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH, Minneapolis, celebrated its 10th anniversary in Ap Speakers included Dr. Paul L. Graf, Ju Thomas Tallakson and former Pas George Lundquist. Ralph Erickson is pastor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Mound, Minn., campaigning for funds to enlarge the chu and add needed Sunday school rooms. T minimum sought is $155,000.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Louisville Men Plan Aid For Wittenberg Students

By JAMES R. LING

LOUISVILLE—W. Harlow Edwards, a me ber of Calvary Church, Louisville, h sparked an organization to promote schol ship aid for students at Wittenberg Univ sity in Springfield, Ohio.

Wittenberg University Associates of Lou ville was organized on April 20 in Lou ville. Dr. Roland C. Matthies, vice pre dent and treasurer of Wittenberg, was t featured speaker.

Willard H. Tucker, also of Calva Church, was appointed executive chairm for the Louisville group, while Mr. Edwa has agreed to serve as the national preside The project is expected to spread to a nu ber of other cities in the Wittenberg territo

Membership chairman is James R. Wilk son of St. John's Church, and special g chairman is Marvin J. Sternberg of F Church.

Realizing that synodical scholarship sistance to youngsters at Wittenberg is li ited to the freshman year, the Wittenb University Associates will seek gifts to allocated to the further assistance of you people at Wittenberg. The goal is $5,000 the end of 1959, which will go to the univ sity for allocation to Louisville students.

Mr. Edwards has invited a group of W tenberg University Associates leaders fr other cities to a meeting in Springfield June 7. From this meeting will result formation of other city groups following Louisville pattern.

theran Teacher Wins '59 Handicapped American Award

By GLENN D. EVERETT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A diminutive and vivacious theran teacher, who overcame the handicap of ng born without hands or feet, to win a Ph.D. become an outstanding teacher of crippled ldren, received the award of "Handicapped erican of the Year" here.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon presented the ard to Dr. Anne H. Carlsen, superintendent of Lutheran-supported School for Crippled Chil-n, Jamestown, N. D., during the annual meeting the President's Committee on Employment of Physically Handicapped.

She is the second woman in the history of these ards to be chosen for the honor and in the words one member of the committee "the most handi-ped."

She was born with only short stubs in place of ns and her legs were so malformed they had to amputated so she could be fitted with artificial bs. But Dr. Carlsen gets around with amazing ptness on a pair of crutches and has a smile and erful greeting for everyone.

An audience of nearly 1,000 persons, many of m handicapped themselves, heard her say she epted the award only as a symbol of the work e by all who aid the physically afflicted.

"I am sure you will agree with me," she said to Vice President, "that it is wonderful to be a zen of a country which recognizes the rth of every individual and whose people rship a God who gives strength and help en,it is needed most."

Always devoted in her church attendance strong in her faith, Miss Carlsen went ough grade school in Grantsburgh, Wis., Luther Academy, St. Paul, Minn. She n a B.A. degree at the University of Min-ota, a master's degree from the Univer- of Colorado, and finally a doctorate in cation from Minnesota.

n 1938 she joined the faculty of the Crip-d Children's School, an institution spon-ed by the Lutheran Hospital and Home iety, an inter-Lutheran group, then at go. She helped it locate in a new campus at Jamestown and since 1952 has been its superintendent.

The school now has 82 children, who suffer from 14 types of disability ranging from congenital deformity to polio.

A member of St. John's Lutheran (ALC) Church), Jamestown, Dr. Carlsen credits her faith with giving her strength to "come through many of the dark hours of despair that everyone must face."

Now she is widely sought as a speaker and lecturer. With her keen humor and vivacious personality she has done much to inspire both the children she teaches and those citizens whose compassionate concern supports her work.

Vice President Nixon presents U.S. award
Dr. Carlsen cited for children's work

Camp Lutherwood Gets More Land and Buildings

By OLIN G. DASHER

SEATTLE—The Camp Lutherwood season promises to be a good one, with added facilities and an expanded program. The camp on Lake Samish, near Bellingham, Wash., has been in operation since 1948. Last year it served about 1,100 young people.

Recently 60 additional acres were procured to expand the campus according to the master plan adopted by the board of directors.

Work parties from nearby churches have given volunteer service for improvements. Men of Burlington and Edison are just finishing the staff cabin begun last year. It represents an outlay of about $4,500, with labor donated.

The camps begin June 14, with a week for handicapped children. The following week is for the children of the Parkland Home. Northern Conference youth camps will be in residence from June 28 to July 7, and ELC groups will use the site July 7 to Aug. 1, and Aug. 16-29.

The Summer Assembly of the Augustana and ULCA conferences will be held Aug. 1 to 8. Augustana groups will occupy the camp Aug. 9 to 15.

Charles E. Hodgman, of Trinity Church, Everett, Wash., has been appointed caretaker and has moved into the permanent residence at the camp.

ULC PRESIDENT FRANKLIN CLARK FRY will speak at the Seattle and Tacoma Reformation Day services next Oct. 18.

The Seattle rally, sponsored by the Lutheran Council of Seattle and King County, will launch a Puget Sound area evangelism mission in which more than 50 congregations will take part.

Calvary Church, Hillsboro, Ore., observing third anniversary, lays cornerstone at new building. Pastor John Baglien wields trowel

Cornerstone is laid for Holy Trinity Church, Mercer Island, Washington. Building chairman Nelson Rochester and contractor O. B. Daniel assist Pastor Charles Dion in the ceremony

ntral Conference Names Weiskotten as President

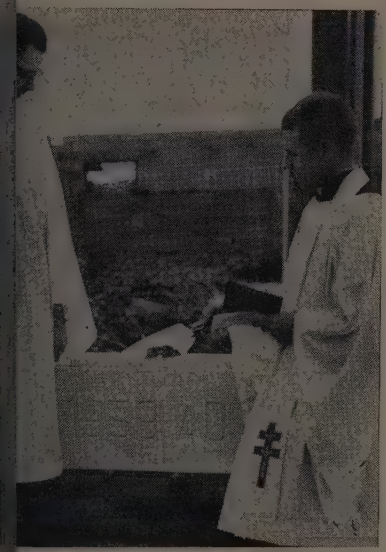
By HOWARD F. KUHNLE

INGHAMTON—The Rev. Ed- d F. Weiskotten, of Resur- ion Church, Syracuse, was ted president of the Central nference at the spring con- tion in Immanuel Church, y.

t the age of 28, Pastor Weis- en is probably the young- conference president ever ted in the synod. He for- ly served as secretary.

Dr. John H. Sprock, of Zion urch, Utica, was elected vice sident. The new secretary is tor John B. Sanborn, of Lu- Memorial Church, North acuse. Kenneth B. Doty, of Syracuse, re-elected treasurer.

Conference officers: Secretary Sanborn, Dr. Beck, Vice President Sprock, President Weiskotten, Treasurer Doty



ference President Weiskotten assists the or, Allen K. Griep, at ceremony in laying erstone for Good Shepherd's first unit

Synod President Alfred L. Beck paid tribute to the service rendered by the outgoing president, Pastor Melvin E. Yearke of Johnson City.

An informal survey of Central Conference pastors provided these answers to random questions:

How was your midweek Lenten attendance?—Up, 10; down, 5; same, 10.

When is confirmation?—Palm Sunday, 3; Pentecost, 21; other, 2.

How is the size of your class?—Bigger, 6; smaller, 9; same, 7.

Regarding the Lutheran Evangelism Mission: Are there lasting results?—Yes, 15; no, 3. Are lay people visiting in your parish?—Yes, 21; no, 1.

Church Lays Cornerstone

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, Fayetteville, expects to occupy its first unit, a parish hall and education building, this summer. The cornerstone was laid April 15, with Conference Vice President Sprock preaching. Pastor Allen K. Griep organized this suburban congregation three years ago.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Syracuse, held a rally

New England Church 70 Years Old, Has Four Sons Studying for Minis

MERIDEN, CONN.—Immanuel Church celebrated its 70th anniversary with two special services on May 3. Dr. Paul A. Kirsch, under whose pastorate (1913 to 1928) the parish house and church building were erected, preached the anniversary sermon in the morning.

Churches of the community and sister congregations in the New England Conference joined in the afternoon service. William T. Heil, Jr., oldest son of Pastor William T. Heil, a senior at Philadelphia Seminary, preached. Serving as liturgists were two former pastors, the Rev. Wilfried C. H. Tappert of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and the Rev. Emanuel W. Hammer of Northport, N. Y.

Taking part in anniversary (l. to r.) Chaplain Hammer W. T. Heil, Jr., Pastor Heil, Pastor Tappert and Dr. Kirsc

During its 70 years Immanuel Church has sent ten members into full-time church service, and at present has four young men preparing to enter the ministry.

Among the ten are Dr. Theodore G. Tappert, professor at Philadelphia Seminary; Dr. John F. Bauchmann, pastor of St. Jacobi Church, Brooklyn; Chaplain Paul J. Kirsch, Wagner College; Dr. Frank L. Gollnick, pastor of Trinity Church, Kingston, N. Y.; Pastor Robert O. Flechtner, of St. Paul's Church, Rensselaer, N. Y.; Pastor William R. Fuhlbruck, of St. John's Church, Pou keepsie, N. Y.; Pastor Theodore E. Hamn of St. Mark's Church, Canajoharie, N. and Pastor David Smith, of Redeem Church, Yonkers, N. Y.

Another of the ten is Sister Bertha Sch mer, retired deaconess, who still is active the congregation. The tenth was the R E. Albert Sievert, deceased.

Besides William Heil, Jr., the theologi students are Henry H. Heil, another son the pastor, now in Wagner College; Artl Von Au, at Yale Divinity School; and A W. Kamens, at Chicago Seminary.

Pastor Heil has been at Immanuel Chu since August, 1956.

N. Y.: BINGHAMTON . . .
for confirmands of all the city's congregations on April 19, under the auspices of the Lutheran Society.

Young adults of the Syracuse churches met the same day in First English Church, and heard Pastor Robert E. Doxey of Salina lead a discussion on "The Unforgivable Sin."

The same group held a second meeting on May 3 at Resurrection Church, and enjoyed a picnic on May 17.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN of the conference held their spring inspirational meeting on April 23 at St. Paul's, Syracu The Rev. Samuel Schmitthenner, mission to India, spoke. Workshops were held the morning session.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN elec Fred R. Weil, of Utica, as president at business meeting held May 2 in St. Pau Church, Johnson City.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE Luther Leag committee will sponsor "Camp Chi Rho" the Ithaca College camp site Aug. 2-8. P tor Albert L. Haversat, Jr., of Endwell, w be the director.

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Conference Division Boo
Attendance at ULCW Ralli

By HENRY W. SNYDER, JR.

ALLENTOWN—The change from cor
ences to districts in the Pennsylvania M
isterium brought twice the usual numbe
women to the spring ULCW meetings in
Lehigh Valley. Total attendance at the
district women's meetings was 760. Prev
attendance at Allentown Conference sp
ULCW meetings averaged 350.

This year's attendances by district w
Allentown, 236; Bethlehem, 202; Eas
187; and Northampton, 135. Special spea
at the Bethlehem meeting was Pastor Ha
Reisch, of the ULCA Board of Social M
sions. At the Northampton meeting, Pa
Ernest Flothmeier, former Liberian missi
ary, spoke.

Church 125 Years Old

SPECIAL SERVICES marked the 125th a
versary of New Jerusalem Church, Sau
Valley, May 10 to 17. Speakers inclu
previous pastors, Daniel Kistler and Richi
Beck; the present pastor, Earl Zeiner;
Dr. Henry Bagger, president of Philadelp
Seminary.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Allentown, was
ited April 26 by 40 girls from the Lanca
area investigating the field of church vo
tions for women. Under the leadership
Sister Evelyn Houlroyd the girls visi
churches and institutions in Philadelphia
day before, and then came to Allentown
study the Sunday Christian education p
gram at St. Paul's.

ALLENTOWN CONFERENCE Women's Co
mittee of the Board of Inner Missions of
Pennsylvania Ministerium has voted to
continue. It will incorporate its activi
into the Christian Service program of
ULCW, in each of the four districts p
viously covered by the conference. The
nual Christmas in-gathering of gifts for h
pitals and correctional institutions in

gh Valley will be continued as a regular of ULCW activity.

R. WILLIAM C. SCHAEFFER returned to ohn's Church, Allentown, for three days lay, to help celebrate the fortieth anni- ary of the released-time weekday church ol.

e established the school, known as the in the United States, at the start of his ear Allentown pastorate.

Two Congregations Merge

RINITY AND MT. ZION congregations, in er Mt. Bethel, have officially merged as "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of tins Creek." The new church is served Pastor George Fehr. The congregations e previously part of the four-church Mt. iel parish.

ORTHAMPTON COUNTY 4-H Clubs par- ated in a Rural Life Sunday service May St. Paul's Church, Indianland.

UNE 21 will be "open house" at the Good pherd Home, in observance of the home's anniversary.

ETHLEHEM clergymen of all faiths were ts of District 9, United Steelworkers of erica, at a religion and labor luncheon il 23. Speaker was John Ramsay, inter- onal representative of the union, who just returned from a visit to Japan and ea, on a mission sponsored by the Pres- rian Church.

LC Women Hear Walborn Meeting in Dillsburg

By PAUL LEVI FOULK

ORK—The Rev. George Walborn, mis- ary on furlough from Argentina, ad- ssed the United Lutheran Church Women he York Conference at the annual spring in St. Paul's Church, Dillsburg, on 21.

Miss Hazel Naugle, on furlough from In- and Miss Edith Eykamp, retired mis- ary, have been speaking at church meet- throughout the conference in recent ks.

REPRESENTATIVES of the congregation heard Dr. Ralph C. Robinson, secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, discuss the synodical sector program at a meeting in St. James' Church, York.

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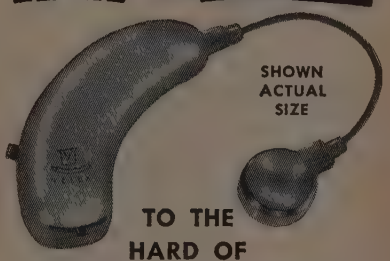

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YORK COUNCIL OF CHURCHES held a Festival of Preaching April 19-26 in St. Matthew's Church, York. Dr. Wallace E. Fisher, of Lancaster, was one of the featured preachers.

ROBERT J. MENGES, of Spring Grove, will be youth associate to the synod's director of Christian education, assisting in the Mission to Youth program this summer. He is vice president of the Luther League of America.

Dr. Empie to Be Speaker For Missionary Festival

By CARL W. WEBER

PHILADELPHIA—Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, was to speak at St. John's Church, Mayfair, the evening of June 2.

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Conference on Healing Calle...

THE ROLE of the healing profession... meeting the spiritual needs of the pa... will be discussed at conferences June 1... at Lankenau Hospital. Nurses, physici... pastors and volunteers in the health and ... fare fields have been invited to attend.

Principal speaker will be Dr. Gra... Westberg, associate professor of religion ... health at the University of Chicago.

LAYMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ... the Germantown Home met April 28. Pa... Martin C. Wisznat, of St. Paul's Chu... spoke.

SISTER ANNA EBERT, dean of the Ph... delphia Deaconess School, spoke May 2... the ULC Women's meeting in St. Timot... Church, Fox Chase.

ZION CHURCH, Olney, has organized a ... Scout troop under leadership of William... Strube.

Slovak Zion Synod Hold... Seminar After Conventi...

A PASTORS' SEMINAR on Christian Sc... Responsibility was scheduled at Chic... Seminary, Maywood, Ill., for the Slovak ... Synod from May 27 to June 2. This wa... follow immediately the synod conven... which opened May 25 in Sts. Peter and P... Church, Riverside, Ill.

Lecturer at the seminar is Dr. George ... Forell, of the Maywood faculty. Discus... leader is Dr. Harold Haas, executive se... tary of the Board of Social Missions. ... H. Grady Davis is lecturer on "Chris... Social Responsibility in Preaching."

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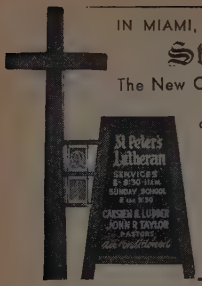

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IN CONCLUSION

WHAT DO YOU call a congregation when it is without a pastor? You'll hear talk at synod meetings about a "vacant congregation"—but obviously that is wrong. The congregation isn't vacant—only the pastorate is. Even the term "vacant pulpit" is not accurate, since there is usually a preacher of some sort in the pulpit each Sunday.

Whatever else you call it, you can call it unfortunate. To leave a flock untended except for the passing attention that can be given it by a busy synod or conference president is an invitation to the sheep to stray. Congregations without pastors hesitate to start new programs. They let the old ones lag. As an added problem, the people must listen on Sunday mornings to the itinerant editors or seminary students who supply the pulpit for services.

THERE ARE a few plus marks, of course. In this world, nothing seems to be either entirely good or wholly bad. For example, the period without a pastor encourages devoted lay leaders to pitch in and fill up some of the empty spots. By so doing, they begin to learn about the load of detail in which the pastor is usually engulfed. These people are the ones who most eagerly welcome the arrival of a new pastor and who are most likely to have a sympathetic understanding of his problems.

Beside this, if every pastorate were always filled, there would be no place for a pastor to move to. Sometimes a new scene of action or a new congregational relationship is necessary to enable a man to do his best work. A congregation that is "in the market" for a pastor gives the synod president a chance to recommend such moves.

Supply seems to keep up pretty with demand even among pastors, we are likely to face a shortage for s time to come. At a recent meeting synod presidents, an estimate was m that 225 additional pastors could be ca promptly to parish work in the U Recent seminary graduations filled m than half of these places, but before other seminary class enters the mini the number will have risen again.

CONGREGATIONS without pastors n get some additional help soon. In a years our church will probably unite v three other Lutheran bodies. One of smart provisions in the by-laws propo for the new church calls for appointm of a temporary vice-pastor whenever congregation is without a pastor of own. This plan guarantees that a con gation will never be without pastoral le ership. It may lack a pastor of its o but it will have clerical guidance service.

Details of the plan will have to spelled out in synodical constitutions, the workings are fairly evident. Whe congregation loses its pastor for any r son, the synod president will appoin neighboring pastor or nearby church ficial as the congregation's vice-pastor. will assist in keeping the congregatio program rolling along smoothly dur the period when it has no pastor of own. He will always be available to c sult with and advise the congregation to arrange pastoral care for those in ne

Naming a vice-pastor is no solution, course. But until we have enough m to fill every post, it offers a sensible practical method of assuring pastoral rection for a congregation's program. will help meet the spiritual needs of shepherdless flock.

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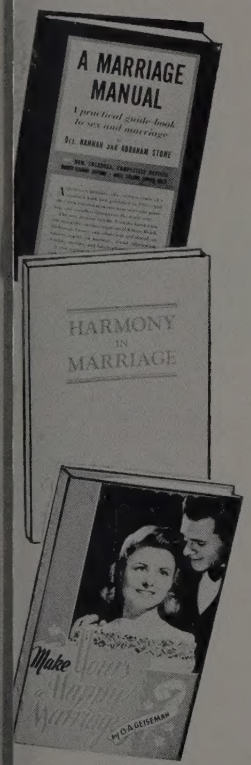

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